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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Oneida Nation Child Care Services Department plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. **Direct Services/Subsidies** – The Oneida Nation Child Care Services department plans to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services along with a childcare subsidy assistance to all workers deemed essential as defined by the Oneida Nation. The income guidelines will be waived for current CCDF families receiving CCDF childcare subsidies along with future applicants.
2. **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices-** The Oneida Nation does not have a plan in place for this area of concern. The Nation's CCDF program does not operate or fund the Nation's childcare center.
3. **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers-** The Oneida Nation Child Care Services Department plans to use CRRSA funds to offer grants to childcare centers in our service area. The grants offered to support the stability of the childcare sector to help licensed providers pay for increased operation expenses, PPE and sanitation supplies, and other supplies needed to remain open.
4. **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic-** The Oneida Nation Child Care Department plans to reach out to childcare

providers who were not receiving or participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic. The Oneida Nation Child Care Department will provide detailed information on how to apply for grants to all providers in the service area as defined by our CCDF plan.

5. **Other** – The Oneida Nation Child Care Department plans to continue to provide technical assistance to tribal families with children 0-12 years old, who live in our service area. Technical assistance is offered in the forms of digital device reimbursements, and financial assistance for internet costs.

The Oneida Child Care Department also plans to use CRRSA funds to continue to provide payment for Emergency Relative Care Providers until the Oneida Nation lifts the Emergency Safer at Home Declaration.

The Oneida Nation Child Care Services Department will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Respectfully,

/s/

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